Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it a port appointment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

POONKUNNAM RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' QUARTERS—CONDITION OF

247. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the state of the Railway Employees' Quarters attached to the Poonkunnam Railway Station;

(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to find out whether the quarters are fit for the residence of human beings from the point of view of the health of the residents?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The Railway Agent who was referred to in the matter has informed the Government that the two Railway Quarters at Poonkunnam are maintained in good condition.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My personal investigation has proved me otherwise. I had opportunities to go there personally, and it is after that I sent this question. If the D. P. H. or the Minister or the Secretary to Government visit this place, they will be satisfied that the information supplied by the Railway Company is incorrect.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why did the hon'ble member go to the cooly quarters?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I did not question about the cooly quarters. It was about the insanitary condition of the buildings of the officers' quarters that I have referred in the question.

LATIN CHRISTIANS IN FINANCE AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS—IMPROVEMENT IN PAY AND PROSPECTS OF

248. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the No. of Latin Christians recruited on the permanent establishment in the Lower Division of the Finance and Revenue Departments excepting the Village Staff, in the days of the Staff Selection Board and prior to its constitution;

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(*b*) how many of them are now working so in each department;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Staff Selection Board to see to its redress immediately, in the light of the fact that parallel hands recruited in the above Departments and other Departments on Rs. 20 differ greatly in their future progress?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of (*a*) above.

(*c*) Government do not think it necessary to issue any such instructions in the matter.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ : റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലെ മേൽപറഞ്ഞ വകുപ്പുകളിൽ ൭൫ തസ്തികകൾ ഉള്ളതായിട്ട് കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. കഴിയുന്നതു ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അണ്ഫ്രൊസെൻറിവു് കമ്മ്യുണിറ്റിസിനു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഒരവസരമുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The allocations are made to the whole State and one cannot predict what vacancy will fall to the share of any community in the manner of distribution now followed. But, I am sure their chances might one day come in the Revenue Department.

TYPE-WRITING HIGHER EXAMINATION—PREFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENTS OF TYPISTS BY STAFF SELECTION BOARD

249. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any Government Order passed within the last 10 years notifying to the Heads of Departments that when recruitments of typists are made, Higher Grade Certificate holders shall be given preference over Lower Grade Certificate holders;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to inform the House why they did not incorporate this in the rules for the working of the Staff Selection Board that at least "without affecting the principle of communal representation preference be given to those who have passed Higher Grade Type-writing Examination";

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